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Type of Project (use Table 1 on instruction sheet) Reconfigure existing interchange

 Caltrans Projects – EA# 0J4400

 Lead Agency:
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Narrative Location/Route & Postmiles I-215/Newport Road Interchange

Hot Spot Pollutant of Concern (check one or both) ✓ PM2.5 ✓ PM10

Riv-215-PM 17.7/19.3

Federal Action for which Project-Level PM Conformity is Needed (check appropriate box)

✓ Categorical
Exclusion
(NEPA)

FONSI or Final
PS&E or
Construction

Other

Scheduled Date of Federal Action:

County Riverside

NEPA Delegation – Project Type (check appropriate box)

Excluded

Section 6004 – NEPA
Categorical Exclusions (CEs)

Section 6005 –
All NEPA document
types (i.e. CEs, EAs, EIS)

Current Programming Dates (as appropriate)

	PE/Environmental	ENG	ROW	CON
Start	05/07	10/08	12/08	5/10
End	09/08	12/09	12/09	11/11

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